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Peden's Place

NEIL PEDEN - NAT IV

Happy Birthday To Me: By the time you read this I will be a year older. Those of you who attended Skit Nite last Thursday will have noticed, however, that I haven't got any wiser. For the record, my part was to be played by Patrick Healy. Apparently he had neither the stomach nor the legs for it.

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Lab Hours Update: The library computer lab will henceforth be available to students Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. and Fridays from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., unless required for training sessions.

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What I Did Over Spring Break: I now realize why every English teacher I ever had assigned some stupid "what-I-did-on-my-summer-vacation" assignment: it requires absolutely no imagination. (It might also have something to do with the fact that every English teacher I have ever met has lost their will to live, and the only way they can bear having several months off every year yet no money to actually go anywhere or do anything is to compare their lives to the execrable existence of the average high school student. The teachers whose miserable lives pall even by this pathetic standard—who are easy to spot because they wear the same clothes every day—are generally the ones who have the nervous breakdowns.) Anyhow, having

Rum Runners defeated 4-1 in Intramural final PROSECUTORS WIN MUG!

DAMION STODOLA

In front of a record crowd, the Prosecutors handily won their final against the overpowered Rum Runners and erased and lingering bitterness from last year's shootout loss in the final. The Runners were clearly overmatched in both speed and hustle as the Pro's were relentless in crashing the net and being first to the puck in the offensize zone.

To the delight of the pumped up crowd the Pro's scored early on on a beautiful goal by Dan Elie. The lead was shortlived, as the Runners evened it up less than a minute later. In a mistake that would cost the Runners for the rest of the game, No. 18 taunted the fans as he went back to the bench. Little did he know that the Faculty's professional trash-talkers were in attendance. Saklaine «Lungs» Hederaly and the Commish led the crowd in chants of «Loser» «It's all your fault» and «Eighteen...Eighteen...Eighteen» every time he touched the puck.

Goalie Marc Miller was in top form, however, and the Runners couldn't get the puck behind him for the rest of the game. The crowd responded to Miller's saves early on, chanting «You can't stop the Miller Machine!»

The Prosecutors opened up a one goal lead before the end of the half on a great goal by Dan Fisher who picked up the rebound on a Steve Kelly's slapshot from the point. Dan Elie and Terrence Filewych almost gave the Pro's a two goal lead before

the end of the half on picture perfect set-up but circumstance decided otherwise.

The third goal started with Luke Carsley's rush into the offensize zone - the Pro's kept possesion of the puck and Marc Labrom scored on a blast from the point. The fourth goal again demonstrated the Pro's quickness and concentration as Fischer jumped on another rebound on a shot by Elie and popped the rubber biscuit passed the Runners netminder.

The defensive corps of Kelly, Labrom and Bailey allowed only 12 shots on Miller and played an excellent two way game providing powerful shots from the blue line in the offensize zone while keeping the Runners outside the box in the defensive zone.



GAME SUMMARY

PROSECUTORS	4
RUM RUNNERS	1

1ST HALF		
1st goal	Prosecutors	Dan Elie
2d goal	Runners	«Eighteen...eighteen...»
3d goal	Prosecutors	Dan Fischer

PENALTIES: two goons from Runners spent 5.5 min in the sin bin.

2ND HALF		
4th goal	Prosecutors	Marc Labrom
5th goal	Prosecutors	Dan Fischer

PENALTIES: Terrence (2.5 min); Kelly (2.5 min); Runners goons spend 7.5 min in sin bin.

SHOTS (PROSECUTORS/RUNNERS): 12/13

ATTENDENCE: Capacity

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LAST TERM'S ESSAYS & PAPERS:

If any of you still wish to pick up your masterpieces from last term, you'd better hurry. Any papers that have not been retrieved by 4pm on Thursday, March 25th, will be consigned to the recycling bin.

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Queer Corner

ROBERT LECKEY

I am writing to complain about recent positive depictions of gay people. Well, complain is too strong a word; I mean "express caution." Let me assure you that I'm not part of the religious right and that I am myself gay.

The change in the portrayal of gay people in the last five or six years has been breathtaking. I see the film *Philadelphia* as a watershed. Sure the hero was dying (gays in film and literature are often punished) and pretty much asexual, but it was nevertheless nice, likeable Tom Hanks playing a homosexual. There's been no looking back.

More recent, happier movies spring to mind, such as *My Best Friend's Wedding* and *The Object of My Affection*. Characters in these movies demonstrate "typically" gay traits: they're handsome, artistic, sensitive and stylish. Rupert Everett in *My Best Friend's Wedding* was particularly superb. These gay characters are not merely okay, they're *better* than straight men. In fact, after these movies lots of women wanted a gay best friend. That's where my problem begins. I think we are setting too high a standard for what being gay means.

Let me say here that I am referring almost exclusively to gay men. This is partly because it is the only experience I can even try to speak for, and also because I don't think lesbians face quite the same problem (they may have others). Ellen may or may not be funny, but nobody suggests she's ideal. I don't think that straight men ask their girlfriends why they can't be more like their lesbian friends, while I do know the reverse sometimes occurs, straight women complaining that their boyfriends don't listen to them or window-shop as patiently as their gay friends.

I think we're crossing a line past which "gay positive" becomes, pardon the pun, a straitjacket. Acceptance of gays is becoming too closely linked with gays' good qualities. Society should accept gays because human decency requires it, not because gays are smart and sensitive and can cook. We shouldn't have to "deserve" basic dignity and rights. We don't need a function any more than anybody else does. It's like being a

member of a family: you just are. We shouldn't be included simply because parties don't plan themselves.

The images aren't much better outside Hollywood films. It may come from the theory that gay adolescents, unable to flourish socially in their repressive heterosexist environments, sublimate their sexual energy and work harder. This might explain the tremendous drive shown by Olympic medallist Mark Tewkesbury, who of course recently came out. Andrew Tobias, author of the classic *Best Little Boy in the World*, says he sublimated sexual energy to excel in studies and athletics. Similarly, political journalist Andrew Sullivan writes that repressed sexuality explains his early academic success and status as a star debater. I have seen other examples in organizations or schools where there are gay superachievers.

I'm not suggesting that this isn't the experience of many gay men, but we can be pretty sure it isn't everybody's. Not every gay adolescent is an overachiever. Despite recent progress, growing up gay is still an isolating experience. Consider the pressure for kids who realize first that they're excluded from the sexual majority, then feel inadequate even within the minority because they're not handsome,

smart, artistic, sensitive and well-dressed like all the gay people they see. It sounds like a recipe for self-esteem disaster.

I know that for a long time positive gay role models were scarce, but we seem to be overcompensating. What we need now is for more ordinary gay people to be visible. I can't begin to explain how many worlds away an Olympic swimmer would have seemed to me when I was a teenager. It's not that straight kids don't see straight athletes and other successful people, but they are also surrounded, daily, by millions of ordinary straight people.

Strange as it might sound, we need more banal gay role models. What about someone who might live on my street? What about a teacher or somebody's uncle? Gay Pride parades, it's true, offer huge numbers of ordinary-looking people; but by the time the gay teen has made it there, he's probably well on his way. I'm concerned about reaching him when he's still in his suburb or small town and the only gay people he sees are the stars I've mentioned. He knows he's not straight, but he's not like them either.

Raising the profile of banal homosexuals... It's not going to be fabulous, it's not going to be cutting edge, but I think it's got to be the next wave of the gay movement.



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faut s'inscrire au plus tard le mercredi, 14 avril 1999. Il n'est pas nécessaire d'avoir fait du bénévolat à la clinique de McGill. Il faut cependant avoir complété deux années d'études à la Faculté de droit.

An Information session will be held on Wednesday, March 31st at 1:30 in the Moot Court. At the session the new course booklet, which lists and describes the clinics available for the summer and school-year course, will be distributed. Students will then have two weeks to select the clinics which interest them and submit their application to Julie Daoust c/o the McGill Legal Information Clinic. It will no longer be possible to register for this course during the regular MARS registration period.

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Vous savez que l'une de mes plus grandes priorités lorsque j'ai pris la direction de la librairie était de réduire le prix des recueils. Il fallait en premier lieu comprendre pourquoi ils étaient si chers; c'est chose faite, je vous ai déjà fait part des résultats de mes recherches dans un article précédent - reproduit à <http://www.law.mcgill.ca/bookstore> sous le titre «Path to Affordable Casebooks».

Dans ce dernier article, j'ai expliqué comment il fallait procéder pour réduire les prix des recueils de 30%. Sur ce pourcentage, 15% de réduction était possible seulement si notre Université acceptait de changer sa méthode de perception: nous payerions des frais de \$2.35 par semestre mais, en échange, les prix des recueils diminueraient de 15%.

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affirme que l'Université n'a l'intention de faire aucun profit avec ce «frais», je m'attends à ce que le montant soit d'environ 4.70 à 6 \$ par année.

Je désire souligner la collaboration de notre Doyen ainsi que son soutien constant dans ce dossier. Merci mon colonel, au nom de tous!

The McGill Law Journal is happy to announce the results of its recent election for volume 45 for the academic year 1999-2000.

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On Love and Friendship thanks to D.F. Wallace and T. Pynchon

TONY HOFFMANN - LLB I

..one can finish the other's sentences, and that means that the root of their knowledge is your knowledge, that you share some bit of understanding that creates a base to build on, and so something grows from that base and becomes something else entirely, a new thing, which is what is called friendship or love – it doesn't matter really – since they're almost the same thing, a sense of honesty and decency and being more than simply indifferent to how the other's day went and concerned by the asshole who covered them with sticky, gooey, road sludge at the corner when they were waiting for the bus, or the librarian who simply wouldn't help them with a book, but then there is the part that goes beyond the little things, the opening of the soul, the times when a hug simply isn't good enough, to know that betrayal is so far from possible, like the probability of the sun not rising tomorrow, that there is simply no way that they wouldn't be there for you through thick and thin, to the ends of the earth, and even beyond; but then there is the difference between friendship and love, in that where there is care and attention and hurt and emotion and joy in friendship, there is no tenderness of the kind where you're all curled up on the couch watching a silly movie and stroking her hair and gently running your fingernails up and down her arm and she turns gently and kisses you because she feels like it and can, and her lips are like a feather on your nose, and then against your lips, a caress of angels wings, and you kiss back because you feel like it and can, and there is quiet, and you sit past the end of the movie and past the war of the black and white ants at the end of the tape and there is something in the silence, something warm and soft and loving and comforting, and you don't need to talk, since there are these funny waves passing between you and so you sit, watching each other, safe and warm and there is nothing in the world that can get between you and her, and her breath touches your cheek, every few seconds, and you love that noise as it quietly touches your skin since you know that it came from inside her and that nothing could be bad from there, and like

when she's crying and you wipe her tears away with kisses, tasting the saltiness and the pain, and you think to yourself that you'd like to be one of her tears, to be born in her eyes, the colour of the sea, to grow on her cheeks, soft, and to die on her lips – and oh you can be tender with friends, walking in their shoes, whether heels or boots, whether their path runs uphill or down, to know their story, and to feel their pain, but that you know that to feel their pain, they have to feel yours, that you have scratch the surface, look below the gloss of the "are you OK?", "yeah, just a little tired is all" and be able to say to yourself that you know that they would never hurt you, that they would never betray you in a million years plus one – but that friendship means that you have to scratch your own surface, that they know more than maybe you want them to know but that there is something in that extra knowledge that gives them the key to you – and to love someone is the same – if you don't scratch your own surface, if you don't give a little bit of

yourself, then pretty soon you find that you can't give anything at all and that people don't want you for what you say you are but for what you really are and they are turned away by that same evasiveness that you need to protect yourself; and then love will never come, because if you push every person who tries to love you away because you're scared of what they might find, or what you might find in the depths of your own soul, then you will be alone, and no amount of smiling and laughing will cure you of that emptiness, because when you laugh, but that people know it's only a laugh that is skin deep, that it's like the boy who cried wolf, that there is nothing there laughing, and they turn away – not allowing yourself to feel – good or bad – happy or sad – is not an out, it's a way of hiding from the truth of love and friendship, that you have to risk everything to get anything in return, and to realize that with real friends, and real loves, there is no gamble at all – it's a sure thing.

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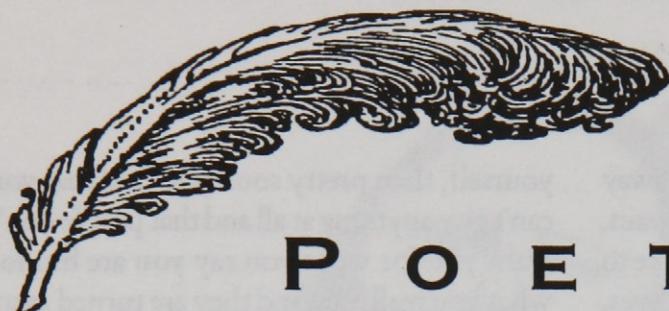
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From the “This Can Only Happen in J.I.C.P.” Department, a little ditty, some literature:

CHRIS VELAN AND BRENT OLTHUIS,
LL.B. II.

“Stephen Hamilton”

Halt! I step on men.
She let on, hip man.
Thin Man Estop’el.
He nets lion, Pam.
Shop at ten mile.
Email, then hop miles.
Petit man, he’s on.

The ham pelt is on!
Then, is no pelt ham?
Then, is ham no pelt?
Ham, then, is no pelt.
Ham is not hen pelt.
Shame on Phil Nett.
Then I’m not she, pal.
Non, ship them late.
Let’s hip them anon.

‘Lest mon “phat”, hein?
Isn’t he melon-path?
Hein? ‘l t’ noté “Spam”?
This path? On me, Len!
The “Ten Pilon” Sham.
Mash the lip on ten!
Latte: hip hens, mon!
‘Phones him at Lent.
He taps “Thin Lemon”.

Waking Light

TONY HOFFMANN

To sun and freedom first repose
a nodding slumber under sky
a depthless blue
no end above and blinded eyes
see only halos of white light.
And heaven’s torch sinks deep
within the darkened soul which
soured by winter’s cold and damp
and endless grey.

The languid light flows gently
down beyond the rainbowed crags
of heart and health
bringing sweet warmth and glowing fire
to only embers left in the core.
Lifting, lighting, laughter comes
a virtue in the coming is,

a floating love and smile spread
across the features of the face
sleep comes with haste, and grasses sprout
bring life to deadened lawns
so brown and sere, slain by the cold
whose taste and smell arise like
Cupids’ wings and clear the path beyond our sight.
A morning’s sun and daily arc
across the sky sets nature’s fire
burning once more to grow and fan its self
own flame, and gather speed to
summer’s months when even rain is
warm and soft amid the downpour
drops caress all naked skin and earth
as growth and growing hit their stride in spring.

The Chancellor Day Fiction Club

LAUREL NAST LL.B.III

She was at the point, now, where she could actually look back in wonder at all that had passed. Three short years ago it had all loomed before her, this crazy law school thing, and yet here she was, in mid-March of her third year, and soon she would be free of it all. Unbelievable.

She took another sip of her Orange Pekoe tea and gazed out of the large café window before her. The streets of Montreal were wet now, and she saw that people had opened their coats to the teasing whisper of spring. She smiled, pushed her hair back from her face, and let steam rise from her tea to tickle her chin. Alone at the Olio Café, as usual, and soaking in every precious Montreal minute there was to be had. She smiled at her own sentimentality.

There was a twisted irony to it all, she realized. Only now, when she was about to leave the Faculty, did she appreciate how much she had gained from her experience. Only now would she admit to others that it had all been worth it, coming here.

She had come to McGill from a small university in Nova Scotia, and before that, from her home in rural British Columbia. She was twenty-one years old when she had arrived, and Montreal had chaffed her immediately. Nothing had felt right about this place.

Her first year at McGill Law, and half of her second, had been terrible. Her grades had appalled her, her classmates alternately terrified and disappointed her, and her social life had suffered because of her own inability to relax and be herself. Something about this place, the competitive atmosphere, the airlessness of the building, or perhaps just her own insecurity, had strangled her, tightening her thoughts and damaging her ability to relate to others. She had not been the person she had wanted to be.

In the end, though, three things in particular had helped to rescue her. The first was her friend Cheryl, the second her psychiatrist, and the third, her faith in God. These elements, these supports, had been indispensable, and they had served to pull

her up out of the muck. It hadn't been an easy journey, though.

As a group, her law school friends had been her connection to reality. They had allowed her to be herself and to laugh at the things everyone else seemed to take so seriously. While she had felt constricted and weathered in the classroom, once out of that place, and in the company of her friends, she had been liberated.

Her closest law school friend, Cheryl, had had the greatest influence on her recovery. Cheryl had rubber grapes hanging all over her apartment. She regularly went to the dollar store and forced all of her friends to buy frivolous toys. Cheryl had declared salt 'n vinegar chips a food group and decided that it was okay to have PMS all the time, if that's what was needed to get through the crap that was thrown at them at law school. ...Cheryl had dared to mock McGill Law on a regular basis, and did so with a relish that was irresistible. With Cheryl, it had been possible to let go and be happy. It had been so very good to have her for a friend.

Her exposure to the second element that had helped her get through law school, her psychiatrist, had been brief. His impact, however, had been profound. ...It was in January of her second year that she had finally broken down, emotionally, and found herself in his office. She had just received her first term marks for that year, and had realized that no amount of work was going to put her into the top thirty per cent of her class, never mind the top ten. She had been devastated.

Dr. H. had been a lifesaver. "Do you know," he had calmly asked her, "how many students I see from your faculty? Do you know how destructive that place can be?" ...She was surprised, and had nodded hopefully through her tears. Yes, she knew that. But she was shocked to hear someone else telling her that it was true.

"I see many of your peers," he had told her. "Many. They come here because they are feeling just like you do," he said. "They think they are failures because they can't all

be on top of their class, and they hate what they fear they will become. For many students," he told her, "law school offers much and delivers little. They are told that they are 'the elite' from day one, and then consistently beaten down and humbled by the marking scheme, teaching staff, and hard edged competitiveness of their classmates. It is not," he had told her, "a healthy place to be."

She had stared at him, just stared. How could he possibly know exactly what it was like in law? Were there really others who were experiencing what she was? No one talked about it, no one. She had felt so alone.

Two months of weekly visits with Dr. H. had helped her immensely. By the end of her second year, she had let go of her tension, and felt free to pursue her degree on her own terms. It had been a turning point unlike any she had ever experienced.

Finally, her faith in God had helped to sustain her through the McGill Law experience. Knowing that He was there for her, and feeling His presence, had served to reassure her in the darkest moments. He had helped her to put it all into perspective, to realize that in the end, success in law school would be measured not by her marks, but by the kindness she had shown to others, and her contribution to creating a healthy environment there. ...This God-given perspective had been indispensable and humbling.

So now here she was, sitting at the Olio café and suddenly aware of how much she had learned over the past three years. She sipped at her tea and gazed absent-mindedly at a large bus which lumbered to the stop outside the window before her. She had indeed learned much.

The real changes had come in third year, she realized. By then she had internalized the lessons she'd learned from her therapist, and her faith in God had increased. She had started sitting in the back of classrooms, and wearing comfortable

The Names of McGill's Slaves

EDMUND COATES

In the biography *James McGill of Montreal*, Stanley Brice Frost notes that "one reason stressed in the petitions [McGill] signed for English schools in Montreal was that [at the time] boys were often sent south to American schools, where they might be indoctrinated with ideas of republicanism and democracy."¹ Following this, he mentions McGill's purchase of a slave, and reminds us that, after all, "it must be remembered that McGill was conforming to

the mores of his time", and that "James McGill was a man of the eighteen century, not of the twentieth." In truth, the record reveals that McGill was more than a man of his times, he was owner of not just one, but at least five, and possibly six slaves. Namely²:

- 1.) A member of the Pawnee Indian tribe, whose name we do not know and who perhaps never had a name, died at roughly 10 and was buried 2 May 1778;

- 2.) Marie "Potamiane", a member of the Pawnee Indian tribe, buried 30 March 1783, at roughly 12 years of age;
- 3.) Sarah, a black woman, bought for 1344 livres on 23 September 1788 from Jean-Louis Cavilhe of Saint-Laurent;
- 4.) Marie-Louise, Black woman, died 5 February 1789 at the Hôtel-Dieu hospital;
- 5.) Jacques, a black man, took baptism 27 January 1806, at roughly 40 years of age;
- 6.) (?) Marie-Charles "McGill", black woman, became the wife of black man Joseph-François, had two children, the infant Joseph died at 18 months 19 March 1805, and Pierre-Augustin, born 3 November 1805.

Chancellor Day Fiction Club

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clothes. She had brought tea to class, written letters when the lectures bored her, and doodled freely. She joked more with her classmates, and began to see them as good people, rather than as threatening, perfect law machines. Particularly rewarding, she had started to write a weekly column for the faculty newsletter. That year she had really begun to open up and be herself.

The results of her changes had been dramatic. More and better friendships, and no instant tension when she walked through the faculty doors. A greater appreciation for the good things offered by the faculty, like coffee houses, wonderful people, and an opportunity to learn about law for the fun of it. Irreverent, obnoxious laughter, whenever possible, and regardless of circumstances. ...And her marks? They'd leapt upwards. The irony of that hadn't been lost on her. She had laughed bitterly in January when the MARS Lady had revealed her grades. So this was how to do well in law school, she thought. She'd really just had to stop caring so much.

She gently licked at the sugar which perched on the rim of her tea cup. The Olio Café was filling up with the after-work crowd, now, and she knew that she would have to leave, to make an appointment. It was a shame to go when the people watching would be so very good. She sighed and set her cup down.

One last look around her and she began to reach for her things. Her rumpled

winter fleece, her shaggy scarf. Lumpy mittens. She clumsily knocked her wallet to the floor and was reaching for it when she spotted some law students she recognized, sitting across the café.

There were two of them, and they looked tired. She knew from school that they were in their first year, and they certainly had the look of first year students in March: slightly overwhelmed, academically bitter, and yet determined to make it right in April. It was a feeling she knew well. ...She wished she could go over to them and tell them what she had learned over the past three years, but she knew that she wouldn't have listened, in their shoes. It was interesting, the way the cycle seemed to operate. It was almost as if disillusionment was a planned part of the learning at McGill Law. ...She found that disquieting.

Mindful of the time, she pulled on her fleece, gathered her bag, and took another look at the first year students. She hoped that they were well, and that if they weren't, that they would emerge from their McGill experience with some measure of peace. ...Her own peace had been hard won, and bittersweet, even when it had arrived. Funny, nothing in this city was simple, she mused. Everything came with an edge.

With one last, lingering glance at the first year law students, she tightened her scarf, pushed her hair back, and headed out the door. She looked forward to watching the coming spring unfold.

Just as some (besides the slaves) opposed slavery at least as far back as Aristotle's time, many opposed slavery in McGill's time. As early as 1569, Cartwright's case established that England's air was too "pure" for slavery, although such purity did not extend to other climes.³ Let us judge people as in part creatures of their times, but let us also think long and hard before excusing their profiting from such direct and blatant injustice, however the injustice may be legitimised by the law. In the expectation of evil, evil reigns.

1 McGill-Queen's. 1995. p.64

2 this data from Marcel Trudel's authoritative *Dictionnaire des esclaves et de leurs propriétaires au Canada français*. LaSalle, Quebec: Hurtubise HMH. 1990.

3 civilians can claim Jean Bodin, 1530-96, a great founder of modern anti-slavery thought.

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Me L. Yves Fortier

le 8 avril prochain à 17h30,
à la Faculté de droit de l'Université McGill.
La conférence de Me Fortier s'intitulera «Arbitrage et diplomatie».

Associé principal au sein du cabinet Ogilvy Renault à Montréal, dont il est Président depuis 1992, M. Fortier est membre du Barreau du Québec depuis 1961. Depuis janvier 1998, M. Fortier est également président de la Cour d'arbitrage international de Londres (LCIA).

M. Fortier a un profil académique fort intéressant qui débuta à l'Université de Montréal où, en 1955, il obtenu un baccalauréat ès arts avec mention et « très grande distinction ». En 1958, M. Fortier compléta un baccalauréat en droit civil à l'Université McGill, puis, en 1960, une maîtrise en droit à la Oxford University.

En plus d'avoir été ambassadeur du Canada aux Nations-Unies, d'avoir siégé aux conseils d'administration de plusieurs sociétés canadiennes, d'être membre de nombreuses organisations professionnelles et d'avoir obtenu d'innombrables prix tout au long de sa carrière, M. Fortier a acquis une réputation internationale à titre d'avocat plaideur de renommée ayant mené des causes célèbres devant les tribunaux de toutes les compétences au Canada de même que devant les tribunaux d'arbitrage nationaux et internationaux. Au delà de la plaidoirie, M. Fortier assume régulièrement le rôle d'arbitre dans des tribunaux d'arbitrage, notamment au sein du Tribunal international d'arbitrage de la Chambre de commerce internationale (Paris), de la Cour d'arbitrage international à Londres et de l'American Arbitration Association. Par ailleurs, il importe de souligner la présence de M. Fortier devant la Cour internationale de Justice de La Haye à titre de plaideur et de juge *ad hoc*.

La notoriété de Me L. Yves Fortier est acquise.

Nous vous attendons donc tous, en grand nombre, le 8 avril à 17h30.

INTRAMURAL NEWS

Law outplays Boss but stymied by stubborn netminder

Malum in Se loses final in shootout

DAMION STODOLA - BCL II

Coming off a spectacular regular season, Malum in Se was one of many law hopefuls for an Intramural Mug. But despite outplaying the opposition, Malum fell victim to what has proven to be the bane of law intramural teams in past seasons: the shootout.

This sports writer remains deeply critical of a mechanism that places a premium on individual effort in deciding what is, at the core, a team sport- the result often disappointing for truly team-oriented organizations.

After 44 minutes of regulation time and 5 minutes sudden death overtime, both teams were still deadlocked sending them into a best-of-three shootout.

The fans were certainly anxious: while Kerry Benzakein wasn't sure whether to look or hide, a certain Roman satyr kept the fans alive by repeatedly yelling "It's high drama on the open ice".

The first pair of skaters took off and Erin Needra, a seasoned veteran scored while the Malum netminder held her ground. Law was leading one-nil.

The second pair of shooters featured skilled forward Jen Black who had provided much drive during the game for the Malum offense. Jen tried to take the goalie to the side but was unable to slide the puck past her. Meanwhile, the Boss has scored their first goal. All tied.

The tension lasted until the last pair of shooters (featuring Sharon Johnston for Law) started their drive toward the nets. At one apiece, both teams were in a must score situation: a single goal would decide their fate.

Some fans, determined not to miss the deciding action, suffered minor whiplash as they tried to follow both skaters. But in the end, most were in disbelief as the snow settled and it was clear that the opposing team had prevailed. An outrageous way to finish such an exciting game.

Although Malum didn't carry the day, they left the ice with the admiration and respect of all in attendance because they truly exemplified team-work on the ice.

Malum outshot the opposition 23 to 6, a testament not only to the opposing goalie's frustrating ability (parallels were drawn by one Finnish fan between their goalie and Finnish sensation Puputti), but also to Malum's tenacity and team spirit.

Despite the number of shots, the opposition kept Malum's sharpshooters to the sides forcing them to take sharp angle shots. Malum also had difficulty in freeing

up players in front of the net thanks to the opposition's coverage.

Erin Needra and Alana Maurushat kept the fans on their seats with impressive coast to coast drives. Ronnie Alexander and Sharon Johnston were both powerhouses from start to finish. Both players refused to let up when they were on the ice playing an excellent two-way game.

Forwards Alex Johnston, Taya Talukdar, Lindsey Cameron, Erin Fitzpatrick and Alisse Howeling gave it their all for the full 44 minutes.

Defense Alex Otis, Marie-Claire Leman and Karine also were key in stalling the Boss offense.

2 Fast 4 U defeats Men's D team 6-2 in Quarters

Overruled loses to division champs

DAMION STODOLA - BCL II

Despite the solid play of goalie Andrew Hastings, (who faced 26 shots), Overruled was unable to generate the necessary offense to win the game, losing 6-2. In contrast, 2 Fast 4 U held the Overruled sharpshooters to only 5 shots in the game.

Overruled scored first on a goal by Philippe Gougeon on a beautiful pass by Pierre-Étienne Six-Morts. But this was the last shot Overruled was to have until the 2d half. Hastings then faced a unanswered barrage of 14 shots before the buzzer.

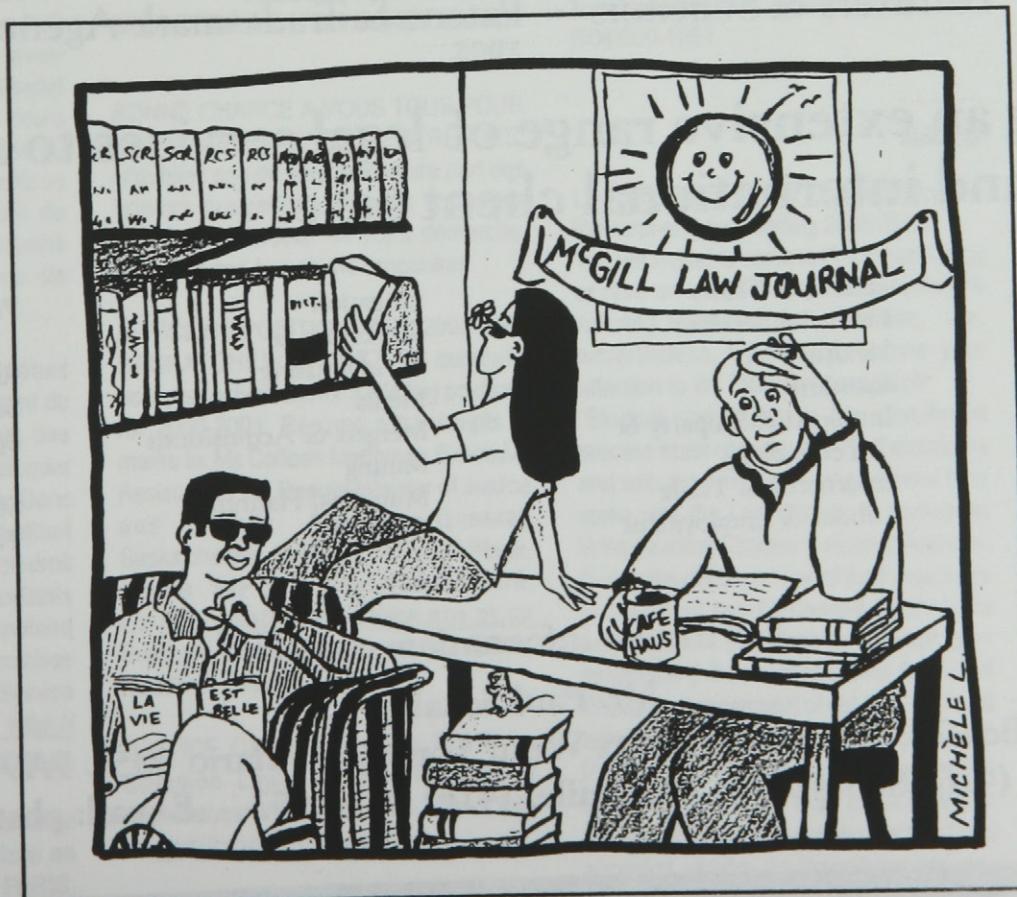
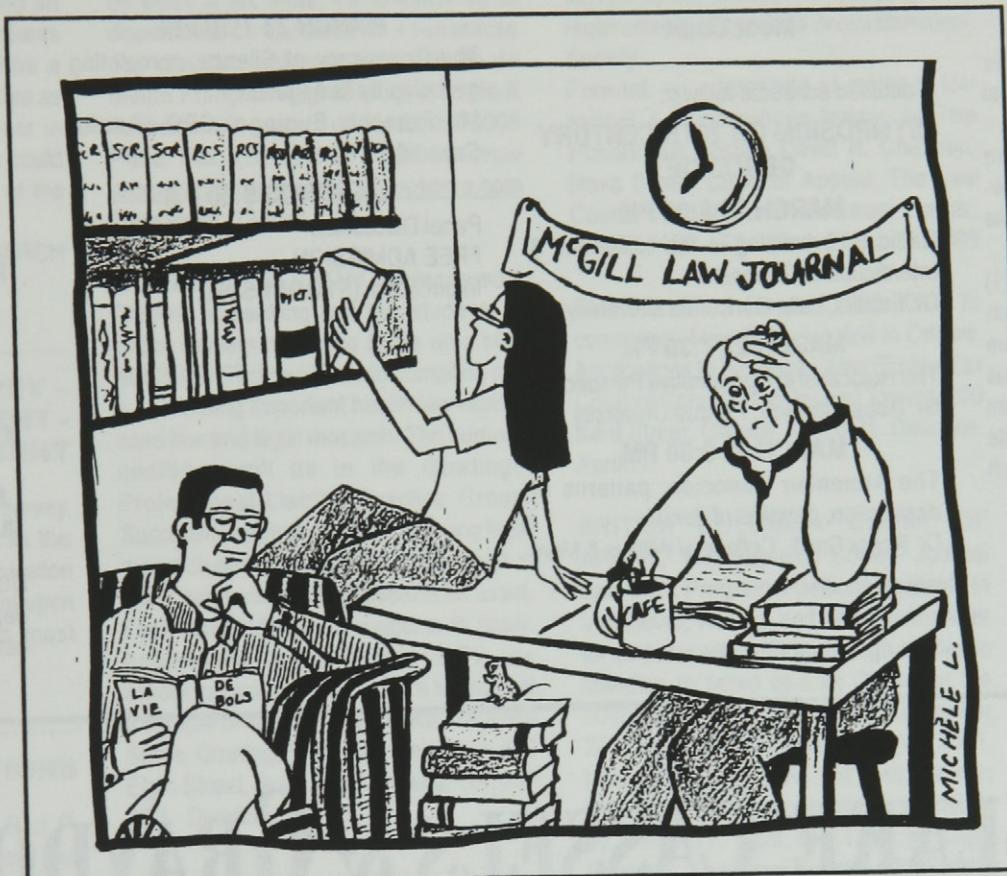
Down three goals at the start of the second, Overruled came out ablaze. Paul Flicker, Jan-Fryderyk Pleszczynski, Greg Baillargeon and Templeton were on fire but couldn't wrestle their way in front of the net to get a decent shot. 2 Fast played a solid

defensive game and kept Overruled to the sides.

Despite the loss, Overruled played a solid post-season, winning their first playoff game. There is definite promise for next year's roster. Despite losing a few veterans, this year's team will have many returning first years who will undoubtedly be keen to improve their record. Rookies Chris Forrest, Robert Davis, Eric Gilman, Pierre-Étienne and goalie Andrew Hastings will certainly contribute to the team's sucess next year.

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«Access to Justice? The State of Legal Aid in Quebec and Ontario»
March 24th - 12:30-2pm

NCDH Room 202

Des représentants du Bureau D'Aide Juridique de Montréal, de la Ontario Legal Aid plan, et de Chez Doris.

The discussion will focus on the accessibility of the justice system to low-income members of the community. All are welcome to attend.

The general themes of the event are: (1) What is the current state of legal aid in each province? And (2) Is the justice system accessible to the poor? An additional focus of the discussion will be on the current challenges and problems which impede access to justice as well as ways in which the current systems may be improved.

THE MCGILL ARMENIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Third Annual Symposium on 20th Century Genocides.

MARCH 22 – 17h

MARCH 23 – 18h

Moot Court

A detailed schedule follows:

SYMPOSIUM ON 20TH CENTURY GENOCIDE

MARCH 22 6:00 PM

Radio Broadcasting in the incitement & Interdiction of Genocide

Dr. Frank Chalk, Concordia University

MARCH 22 7:30 PM

The Holocaust in Comparative Perspective
Dr. Robert Nelson, Purdue University

MARCH 22 9:00 PM

The Armenian Genocide: patterns of destruction, patterns of denial
Dr. Roger Smith, College of William & Mary

MARCH 23 5:00 PM

Genocide: What have we learned? What must we do?

Dr. Irwin Cotler, McGill University

MARCH 23 6:15 PM

Genocide by Starvation: historical lessons of the Holodomor

Dr. Roman Serbyn, U.Q.A.M.

MARCH 23 7:30 PM

The Conspiracy of Silence: completing genocide by its negation

Mr. Francois Buggingo, CBC (Radio-Canada)

MARCH 23 9:00 PM

Panel Discussion

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INFO SESSION FOR 1ST YEAR STUDENTS ON NEXT YEAR SUMMER AND ARTICLING RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES RESCHEDULED

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Career & Placement

l'intention des étudiants de 1ère année est reportée au
LUNDI 29 MARS à 12:30pm SALLE 101
 Do you want to know all about next year recruitment processes for 2nd year students on the different job markets (Quebec, Ontario, New York) as well as getting an idea on clerkships application procedures and alternative careers. This will be a general info session to give you an idea as to what you should expect next year in terms of recruitment activities. This could also interest the 2nd year students of the National Program.

RESCHEDULED TO MONDAY MARCH 29, 12:30, ROOM 101

GRADUATING SURVEY – CLASS OF 1999 – URGENT – URGENT

If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so as soon as possible as this information is essential to the preparation of the statistical report of placement upon graduation. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

SUMMER POSITIONS

ASSISTANT(E) DE RECHERCHE. Prof. P-G Jobin pour l'été 1999. Mise à jour des références à la législation, la jurisprudence et la doctrine. Préparation des projets de texte pour la mise à jour d'un livre en droit de la vente. Candidats doivent avoir complété 2e année de droit (ce qui inclut la maîtrise) et avoir bien réussi le cours Vente, prêt, dépôt. Excellente maîtrise du français. Rémunération selon les tarifs en vigueur à la Faculté. Possibilité de renouvellement de contrat pour l'automne 1999. CV + notes au Service de placement. Date limite: 29 mars.

PLACEMENT ETUDIANT du Québec m'informe qu'ils feront très activement du démarchage d'emploi d'été auprès des cabinets juridiques afin de faire débloquer un nombre important d'emplois d'été. Dans cette perspective, Placement Étudiant encourage fortement les étudiants de droit à s'inscrire dans leur banque d'étudiants disponibles en complétant le formulaire d'inscription sur leur site Web. Formulaire papier également disponibles au Service de Placement. Site: <http://www.placement-etudiant.micst.gouv.qc.ca>

MOQUET BORDE & ASSOCIES, société d'une centaine d'avocats, spécialisée en affaires internationales, située à PARIS, recherche un étudiant canadien pour effectuer un stage au sein de leur bureau de Paris au cours de l'été ou de l'automne

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 Date limite: 22 avril

GOWLINGS, STRATHY & HENDERSON, Ottawa, is seeking two law students to assist lawyers practicing in the area of health law. Tasks will include compiling and summarising important health law-related case law and legal research. The summer positions will be in the Gowlings' Professional Liability Practice Group. Successful applicants will have strong legal research and writing skills and be adept at using computers. Bilingualism is an asset. First year students are welcome to apply. Applications should include a CV, law school transcript, two reference letters and a sample of legal writing. Directed to Erica Stone, Gowling, Strathy & Henderson, 160 Elgin Street, Suite 2600, Ottawa, ON, K1P 1C3. Deadline: April 5.

RECRUTEMENT DE MONTRÉAL – STAGES 2000-2001

BONNE CHANCE A VOUS TOUS POUR LA DEUXIÈME RONDE D'ENTREVUES. N'oubliez pas de venir nous faire part des bonnes nouvelles. Si vous souhaitez simplement discuter de votre démarche, n'hésitez pas à venir me rencontrer.

ARTICLING POSITIONS FOR 2000-2001 SASKATCHEWAN JUSTICE currently accepts applications for 3 articling positions for 2000-2001. Résumé + transcripts of marks to: Ms Colleen Matthews, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General, Saskatchewan Justice, 1874 Scarth Street, Regina S4P 3V7. Fax: (306)787-3874. Email: cmatthew@justice.gov.sk.ca Brochure available to Placement Office. Deadline: May 7.

JUSTICE CANADA Articling Positions: Common Law. Deadline for Ottawa applications: March 31, 1999 More info on <http://canada.justice.gc.ca>

CLERKSHIP

NOVA SCOTIA COURT OF APPEAL - June 1999 to May 2000. One position open of Law Clerk to the Justices, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The applicant may be able to secure the approval of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society for a portion of the time served to be credited to articling time requirements of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society.

Forward: cv + transcript of marks in law school + 3 references letters, to The Honourable Justice David R. Chipman, Nova Scotia Court of Appeal, The Law Courts, 1815 Upper Water Street, Halifax, NS B3J 1S7. Deadline: March 31, 1999

TAX COURT of Canada 2000-2001. To commence May 2000, located in Ottawa. Applications to be sent to: Alan Ritchie, Tax Court of Canada, Centennial Towers, 200 Kent Street, Ottawa K1A 0M1. Deadline: April 11.

BRITISH COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEAL and Supreme Court – Judicial Law Clerk Program Positions available in Vancouver, Victoria, and New Westminster for students with sufficiently high academic standing to serve as Law Clerks for the 2000-2001 term. To commence September 2000 and ending in June or August 2001. Interviews of positions will take place in May 1999. Resumes should be submitted by March 31, 1999, to: The Law Clerk Program, The Law Courts, 800 Smith Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2E1. Attn: Torri Enderton Tel: (604)660-2729 Fax: (604)660-1951

BARS

Law Society of Upper Canada (Ontario Recruitment) for Articling 2000-2001 You are invited to come to Placement Office or read on board the complete Notice re Articling Recruitment Procedures. We, nevertheless, would like to draw your attention to the following paragraph:

"Student participants in the recruitment process must comply with the Procedures and with the terms of the Agreement they make with the Law Society to participate in the Articling Student Matching Program. Deliberate circumvention of the Procedures or breach of the Agreement by students may result in an Admissions Hearing to determine if the student meets the Good Character requirement of call to the bar and admission as a member of the Law Society. Participating in interviews after a position has been accepted, e.g., participating in the Match after a non-match offer has been accepted, violates the Procedures and may result in a complaint that would be investigated by the Law Society."

Articling Recruitment Procedures for firms located in Toronto (in short)

Student applications for interviews to be received by Friday, July 2, 1999.

The time and date of interviews shall not be communicate in any way until 8:00am on Friday, July 23, 1999.

Interviews shall not be conducted prior to 8:00am on Monday, August 16, 1999.

In scheduling their interviews, students are to allow at least one hour-and-a-half on the premises of the interviewing firm.

No communication of offers of employment shall be made by firms not participating in the matching program prior to 8:00am on Monday, August 16, 1999, and any such offers made must remain open until noon on Monday, August 13, 1999.

ONTARIO ARTICLING MATCHING PROGRAM

Students who wish to enroll in the LSUC Matching Program for Articling in 2000-2001 and interviews sessions this summer 1999, should submit as soon as possible a REQUEST FOR STUDENT AGREEMENT PACKAGE to register in the matching program either by obtaining the request form from the Placement Office, or by contacting the National Matching Services on their website: www.natmatch.com/ontart

ALBERTA ARTICLING MATCHING PROGRAM

Students who wish to enroll in the Alberta matching program for Articling in 2000-2001 and interviews sessions this June 1999, should submit as soon as possible a REQUEST FOR STUDENT AGREEMENT PACKAGE either by obtaining the request form from the Placement Office, or by contacting the National Matching Services on their website: www.natmatch.com/albert

GRADUATE STUDIES INFORMATION CENTRE

Did you know that the Faculty has a Graduate Studies Info Centre. It is located in 3661 Peel Street Building, on the 2nd Floor. Please visit it if you are considering continuing your education after bachelor's degree.

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McGill Student Organization for Alumni run the SOAR Mentor Program, established to assist students in their career preparation. You will be linked up with McGill Alumni who are established professionals in the law field. Many Faculty of Law Alumni are registered to be Mentor. They can provide valuable advice about careers, firms, job requirements, duties. Application Form at the Placement Office.

Mug Champs!

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Forwards Panache, Chicoutimi Dan also won their battles in the corners playing key roles in maintaining possession in the offensive zone.

Chicoutimi Dan said winning was inevitable since it was his birthday - «Look, I always get what I want for my birthday, you know» said Dan while posing with enthusiastic fans after the game.

Speedy winger Carsley and centre Elie frustrated the Runners defense with their speed and drew several penalties as the Runners resorted to hawling both of them down on several occasions.

Carsley was naturally philosophic about the game before getting on the ice, «We got here playing one game at a time - Hockey is like Star Wars, in the end the good guys always win.» Asked about his contribution to the win after the game, Carsley was equally thoughtful, «What can I say, the force was with us! It's a team sport and I just did my part for the team.»

Many fans lost their voices in supporting the team and was confident the Pro's could carry it off. They started chanting the «hey-hey-hey - goodbye!» chant 5 minutes before the end of the game - a song rarely heard in this city anymore (well, assuming you're still a Habs fan...)... In fact, the lack of parades in the city and the dismal future prospects for any have motivated the City of Montreal to organize a parade for the Intramural Champs in order to boost the Montreal economy.

Veteran Steve Kelly, having played on more intramural hockey teams he cares to remember, was understandably ecstatic about his first intramural mug. «It's about *&?%*& time!» he said in a moment of relief. Speculation regarding his return to the team roster next year is now the main topic of conversation at the Faculty. Graduating students Max «Panache» and Dan Elie were equivocal about their potential return to the roster next year.

Swede sensation Marc Miller was asked where he intended to go now that he won the cup: «I'm going to Sweden!» he said. Apparently he is quite happy with the win since he will stay in Sweden for a whole year...

All in all, the Pro's came away with their heads up and hungry for the cup next year.

Peden's Place

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spent reading week in South Florida, where "world events" generally refers to Rolling Stones concert tours, and "national coverage" means what the weather is like in the Northwest, I offer you my official South Florida Travel Guide.

Florida is a scary place in many ways. I don't mean the constant gunfire, which after a while can be rather comforting—besides, the muzzle flashes mean that you can always find Tampa at night. No, it's scary in subtler ways: for example, everything there is described as "world famous" (which is true enough, I suppose, if your world is South Florida), like Bill's World Famous Hot Dogs, or Bill's World Famous Vacuum Cleaners, or Bill's World Famous Forced-Air Duct Cleaning Service and Roof Repair. For reasons beyond my comprehension, virtually everyone in Florida who sells anything is named Bill. The Bill of hot dog world fame used to boast that "I eat hot dogs every day and it never does me any harm," until he died of a stroke at the age of 59, although this fact is not mentioned in any of the numerous clippings about Bill posted on the wall.

Florida does have a selection of fine eateries. The Fort Myers area has no fewer than three Hooters outlets, the first of which opened in 1972 and still has all the original waitresses. Apparently business is down, so to speak. For the record, you can get a great deal on crab legs (only \$5.95 for a huge platter). I suggested they change their slogan to "if you want crabs, come to Hooters!" but I don't think they went for it. Assuming that one can ever tire of aging bottle-blondes in pink nylon shorts, there is always Kegs n' Legs or—my personal favorite—Mugs n' Jugs. I am fairly sure that the waitresses there are the mothers of the Hooters staff. Anyhow, any place that puts "Jugs" on the door of the women's restroom and deep fries entire onions deserves some sort of special mention. Until a few years ago it was a chain,

until it came to the attention of local law enforcement that some of the outlets could be more aptly referred to as Thugs n' Drugs. Despite the crackdown it is still an entertaining place to have dinner. I suspect, however, that it is not quite as entertaining as a local Mexican restaurant featuring—and I am not making this up—a midget who serves nachos and salsa out of his sombrero.

I don't want to give you the impression that Florida is entirely bereft of culture. Consider the "World Famous Waltzing Waters," where ludicrously expensive equipment is used to spray water in shifting patterns, accompanied by colored lights and some of the worst Muzak in existence (this is not exaggeration; the tunes I could recognize included "Eye of the Tiger" and "Born to Run"). Faced with this ludicrous spectacle the audience merely stares in slack-jawed amazement—whereas before the show they merely stared with slack-jawed anticipation. After the "performance" patrons are encouraged to purchase the "professional quality videotape" of the show, presumably filmed by a world famous cameraman. The Waltzing Waters are located on the premises of the Shell Factory, open 365 days a year to fulfill all of your shell needs. On the warehouse-like premises, eager tourists buy shells, shell mobiles, painted shells, shells glued together to look like animals, and fudge. I suspect the entire shell operation is just a front for the fudge business; at roughly US\$6 per half pound, the fudge sells for approximately C\$37 per kilo, roughly twice the price of Camembert. Tourists, still dazzled by the Waltzing Waters and apparently unaware that a pan of fudge is about \$1.50 worth of butter and sugar, buy the stuff by the shovelful. If you are interested in visiting the Shell Factory it is easy to spot; prominently displayed by the roadside is a twenty-foot pink concrete conch which looks alarmingly like a giant vagina. In fact, the photo of me posing with the enormous cooze is by far the highlight of my holiday album. It's worth a trip in itself.